

of displaced American workers. She was a proud mother who wanted nothing more than to see her daughters attend college, and she did. Donna understood something elemental: that when you protect workers' rights, you strengthen families, you strengthen communities.

Mr. Speaker, today, let us say thank you to Donna Kammritz for her gifts, for her selfless dedication and for her love of the things that we hold so dear. May her inspiration live on in all of our work.

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UNITY NEEDED ON SECURITY

(Mrs. MILLER of Michigan asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, America is at a critical time in moving forward with our efforts in the fight against the global war on terror, and it is time for this House to act.

In the coming days this House will consider legislation to ensure that we can try terrorists in military tribunals and military commissions while protecting America's most vital secrets. That legislation will also give those brave Americans who confront suspected terrorists on the front lines of the war on terror and those who interrogate them with the guidance on what they can do to protect our citizens.

We will also be considering legislation that will officially sanction the NSA's terrorist surveillance program that is critical, absolutely critical, to help keep our Nation safe.

Mr. Speaker, we have not been attacked here at home since the horrific attacks on our Nation of 9/11 in large measure because these programs have worked. I ask the Democrats to put aside their partisan posturing and to join with us in protecting America.

The Democrats must recognize that we are at war against terrorists, and that their political rhetoric and demagoguery in search of votes will not make America more secure. They have an opportunity to join us, and I sincerely hope they do so. The security of our Nation depends on it.

AMERICA DESERVES A NEW DIRECTION ON ENERGY POLICIES

(Ms. SCHWARTZ of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. SCHWARTZ of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, hardworking Americans are stretched thin. Under the Republican majority, their wages have remained stagnant, while their day-to-day expenses have all increased: health insurance, childcare, tuition, housing, energy bills.

Energy costs have skyrocketed, whether at the pump, at home or in business. Americans are paying more,

and they are looking to Congress for relief. They are asking, demanding, that we work to reduce these costs, reduce dependence on foreign oil and make our Nation more secure. They are looking for a new direction.

Democrats have responded and Democrats have a plan. Democrats will double the production of renewable fuels like ethanol and biodiesel; Democrats will increase accessibility to renewable fuels at the pumps; and Democrats will aggressively invest in the future to assure their energy needs are not tied to the whims of unfriendly nations in the Middle East. Our plan will reduce costs for American consumers, and it will make this Nation safer. It is smart, and it is common sense.

What have the Republicans done? They have given away billions to the oil industry. America deserves a 21st century solution to energy needs, not oil industry handouts.

Mr. Speaker, America deserves a new direction.

THE REAL GUANTANAMO BAY

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, listening to critics talk about the treatment of terrorist detainees at Guantanamo Bay, one may believe these trained murderers are not properly treated.

I have visited Gitmo twice and can attest that their living conditions are to the highest standards of a first-class American detention facility. In fact, more money is spent on food for the detainees than on the U.S. troops there. Instead of deprivation, the terrorists have gained weight on the nutritious diet.

Detainees have received medical care. In the prison hospital I toured last year, these detainees received 35 teeth cleanings, 91 filled cavities and 174 pairs of glasses.

With legal, strenuous interrogation, the terrorists from the battlefield have revealed bombing cells across the world, they have explained their ability to finance murder, and they have uncovered recruiting efforts of more homicide bombers.

Our troops at Guantanamo deserve praise and credit for protecting American families.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September 11.

RESTORING ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY FOR THE FORGOTTEN MIDDLE CLASS

(Mr. McDERMOTT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, President Bush and the congressional Republicans are failing America's middle class again. This is nothing new.

Millions of Americans are struggling paycheck to paycheck, and falling deeper in debt.

Under Republican rule, the rich are getting much richer, while the middle class are helpless to stop the decline in their purchasing power. America's companies are recording their best profits in over four decades, while wages remain stagnant for the overwhelming majority of middle-class workers. Workers are behind those record corporate profits, but the workers are left behind sharing the gains.

The middle class deserves a pay raise, but Washington Republicans pay no attention to the needs of real Americans. They can't raise the minimum wage. They are too busy working for the rich.

For 5 straight years, Republicans have said to the middle class, You don't count. We have got rising college costs, skyrocketing health care costs, crippling energy costs, but no help from the Republicans.

The Democrats offer a new direction for America. Democrats will restore economic opportunity and economic stability for the forgotten middle class. In November, the middle class is going to get taken care of by the new direction of the Democrats.

THE WHITE FLAG

(Mr. McHENRY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. McHENRY. Mr. Speaker, the White House recently released a new report detailing our Nation's updated strategy for combating terrorism and winning the war against Islamic extremists. The report underscores the importance of our national security and our fight both in arms and ideas.

This is a battle to preserve freedom and civilization from tyranny and barbarism, from Baghdad to Beirut to Tehran, Islamic extremists importing weapons from rogue regimes and exporting terrorism around the world.

Mr. Speaker, while the Republicans are committed to spreading our message of hope and liberty in a region torn by violence and extremism, the left is advocating and continuing to advocate a policy of cut and run. The central difference between Republicans and Democrats is that we want to fight, and they want to wave the white flag.

Mr. Speaker, the last time I checked, white flags aren't bulletproof.

BUSH ECONOMY IS NOT BENEFITING AMERICA'S GREAT MIDDLE CLASS

(Mr. HOLT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, for 6 years now, the middle-class families in the United States have been sold out by the leadership here in Washington.